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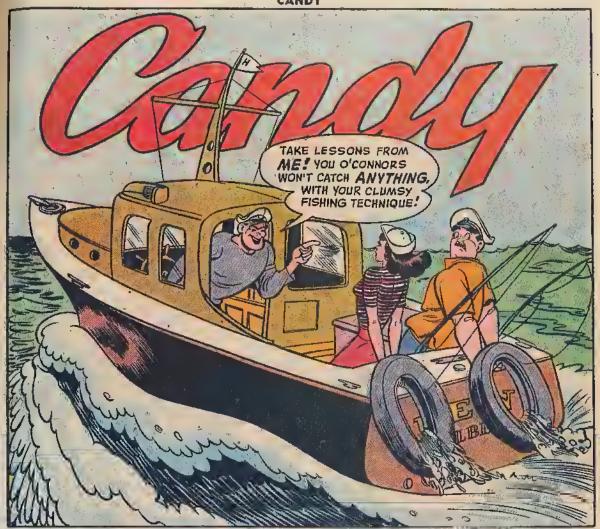






















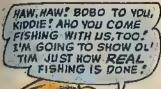
























































































































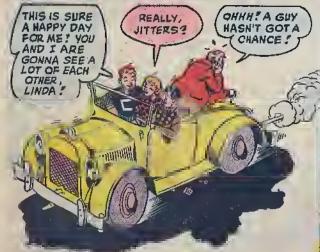






































TO THINK THIS



TED DAWSON, the pride of Hartwick High, slumped dejectedly in a booth at the Soda Shoppe. He was in an awful state. Here it was Thursday and he was dateless for the big picnic at Sylvan Lake on Saturday. Worst of all, Candy O'Connor was forsaking him for a stuffed shirt from Gotham City. As he stared out the plate glass window at Main Street. his gloom was redoubled at seeing Candy walking toward the door.

"O-w-w-w," howled Ted mournfully as she entered. "You again! Why don't you get lost-or something."

"Well, gee weepers, Ted Dawson," was Candy's indignant reply to this greeting. "You don't have to be so disagreeable, do you . . . I mean, after all, is it my fault if my very own father asks me to take the son of an important business contact to the picnic?"

Standing with arms on her hips, she glared silently at Ted for a minute before continuing. "Anyway, I'd rather be going with you. you're so reliable."

"That's the trouble," interrupted Ted angrily "I'm, too darned reliable-but no more. From now on," he shouted, fixing Candy with an irate stare, "old reliable Ted is looking out for Ted Dawson. Mat-ter of fact, I hear Cynthia Marlowe is back from boarding school for the summer, and I'm going to date her for this half-baked clam bake. How about that?"

Ted slid out of the booth and, with a cerefree wave of his hand in farewell, breezed out the door without a backward glance. Left to her own devices, which were many, Candy dwelt upon this newest

"Hmmm. Cynthia Marlowe, eh?" she mused, "Well, we'll just see if you're going to date her for the picnic, Ted Dawson . . we'll just see."

Having reached a decision, she groped in her purse for a nickel, and finding it, she went immediately to the phone booth and dialed Cynthia Marlowe's home. After a pause she was rewarded by hearing the throaty, sophisticated voice of Cynthia herself on the other end of the wire.

"Cynthia? Cynthia d-a-a-rling," she gushed, "I'm so utterly, divinely glad you're home. I'm calling to ask a favor of you . well, Rodney Roan, a boy from Gotham City, is our house guest for the week end and I was wondering if you'd go to the picnic at Sylvan with him? . . . You will? Oh thank you, and . . er . by the way, if Ted Dawson calls for a date, would you mind giving him a slight chill? Oh, thanks, you're a dear G'bye now,"

Candy hung up, a sly smile of contentment playing about her mouth, and walked out of the store,

Meanwhile, Ted Dawson ambled down Main Street

from Ferguson's Garage, where he had been overseeing repairs to his battered jallopy. "Jeepers," he muttered, "seven moth eaten smackers for a new oil filter now I don't know whether I can afford to take Cynthia to the picnic." He looked up the street and spied Cynthia herself window shopping in Barth's Department Store. A low whistle of admiration passed his lips. She was something to look at. Shrugging off his money worries with a here-goes-nothing attitude he went towards her to ask her for a date

"Hi, Cyn, long time no see," he said airily as he approached her.

The girl looked around coldly before speaking "The name escapes me, little boy, but the revolting face is familiar," she said. Then, after a pause she went on, "I know I had a nightmare last night and you were the hit of the show."

Undaunted by this crack, Ted continued, "I'm Ted Dawson . . ."

"Ohhh, yes," replied the girl, "now I remember, my brother Bill has spoken of you. When did you

"Outr O-u-ut of what?" Ted stammered, not understanding her remark

"Why, out of reform school, stilly," Cynthia said with a winsome smile "Oh, don't be embarrassed, Bill's told me all about at I think the judge was an old meany After all, a crate of oranges isn't anything And any way, I think everyone's entitled to one mistake, don't you?"

All this was over Ted's head. He didn't know what ' she was talking about, but he did know that he was being ridiculed, and in front of a steadily growing crowd of people. Taking the bull by the horns, he blurted, "I wanted to ask you if you'd go to the picnic with me Saturday?"

"Why I'd love to, Ted," Cynthia replied, a irace of mocking laughter in her voice, "but unfortunately' she continued, "I've already promised Candy O'Connoi I'd go with her house guest."

The crowd was enjoying every minute of Ted's discomfort He wasn't, however, and so, taking leave of his gorgeous tormentor, he hastened back up the street towards the Soda Shoppe. Slumped in a booth once again, trying to hide from his Iriends who would no doubt ride him for making a public exhibition of himself, he sank into a troubled reverie

He was interrupted by a cheery voice saying, "Hi there, Mr. Gloom, what's this I hear about you and Cynthia Marlowe, you wolf, you" It was Candy O'Connor "Well, I've fixed it so you can take me to the picnic," she continued, bubbling over with good spirits "Isn'd that dandy?"

A sheepish grin spread slowly over Ted's face "Okay," he said, "you win Candy, but I'll get even with you yet. C'mon, I'll buy you a soda"











































































































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